

**Will Vote Against Amendment to Ban Abortion Coverage in Health Care Exchange**

Washington, DC – Today Rep. Blumenauer will vote against the amendment to the Affordable Health Care for America Act (H.R. 3962), which would ban abortion coverage in the health care exchange. The amendment, offered by Reps. Stupak (D-MI) and Pitts (R-PA), would prohibit federal subsidies from going to any private plan in the health care exchange that covers abortion care. This goes beyond current federal policy on abortion care, which is already maintained by the current compromise that makes clear that no federal funds can be used to pay for abortion.

**Following is a short statement from Rep. Blumenauer on his opposition to the amendment:**

“I am deeply troubled by any Congressional action that restricts a woman’s right to choose. This amendment is an unfortunate shift from the status quo on federal abortion policy that will disproportionately impact low-income women. There is no room for government involvement in the personal and difficult decisions around women’s reproductive choices. To force insurance companies to deny a woman access to a legal procedure would be a very disturbing step backwards.”

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